



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore
Mrs. Maxine B. Russell

MINUTES OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montano called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montano
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Frank S. Bacio
Vito Cannella
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore
Maxine B. Russell

Others Present

Sandra Barbee, Chief,
Commission Services Division
Jim Corbett, Assistant Chief,
Commission Services Division

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Bacio and unanimously carried, the January 4, 2006 meeting minutes were approved with the following addition:

Page 3, Altadena Sheriff's Station, 1st sentence should read:

"...well maintained and organized *by only three trustees*, Central Jail..."

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montano wished Commissioners and staff a safe and healthy New Year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$632.00 and that he is accepting Commissioners' monthly dues.

STAFF REPORT

Jim Corbett, Commission Services, reported the following:

- A note was received from the Probation Camp Scott thanking the Commission for the 120 Christmas gift bags filled with personal care products;
- An invitation to the Aviva Family and Children's Services 22nd Annual Conference, scheduled for February 16th at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City was shared; and
- Copies of the Commission's 2006 Meeting Schedule were distributed;
- The cameras for the Commission should be received shortly.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

FACILITY/GROUP INSPECTION REPORTS

Five Acres/Monte Vista - #42-2

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella visited this facility on January 5th and found no one at home; no inspection was conducted.

Pasadena Superior Court

Vice Chair Stathatos and Commissioner Cannella inspected this facility on January 9th. They noted the following areas of concerns: very short staffed and continue to loose personnel to other law enforcement Departments; the "keep away" space is not enough to house the various gangs, those with mental problems and informants separately. Commissioners noted that although the current budget doesn't provide for expansion, future plans are being made to redesign the space to include more "keep away" cells and lock-up areas need painting.

Pomona Branch Court

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren inspected this facility on January 5th. They noted the following areas of concerns: also very short staffed and continue to loose personnel. A great many Sheriff's Department staff are projected to retire in the spring of 2007 because of the new Retirement Bill.

Commissioners noted that though there are color cameras outside the facility, there are still no color camera/monitors inside the facility.

C & R/Penn House - #21-3

Chair Montano visited this facility on January 6th and found no one at home; no inspection was conducted.

Drice Group Home/Main Location - #30-2

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren inspected this facility on January 9th. They noted the following area of concern: facility staff member Mr. Ramsey confided that he is a former group and foster care resident and brings many experience to this job. Mr. Ramsey expressed his concern that some of the residents may be overmedicated.

Drice Group Home/Peanuts Home - #30-3

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammargren inspected this facility on January 10th and noted the following area of concern: first aid kits in the van and the home need to be restocked.

San Fernando Valley Clinic - #95-3

Commissioner Russell visited this facility on December 26th and found that both this facility and the one on Lahey Street have been closed.

Dubnoff Center/Valley - #31-2

Commissioner Russell inspected this facility on January 9th. She noted the following areas of concerns: both the interior and exterior of this facility need attention; no drivers' licenses or LIC 500 on-site and no records regarding residents' receiving their spending allowance. Gang related graffiti and curse words on bedroom walls and closet. Window shade in bedroom ripped. Silver duct tape was holding down the carpet and the AC/FAH thermostat was broken. One resident had a note stating the other minors were beating him. Tile and caulking in bathroom need replacing. Only one resident had a Needs and Services Plan. Facility staff was requested to mail copies of the others to Commissioner Russell.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Montano shared inspection assignments to Commissioners for the following week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Corbett/Sherry Scates
Commission Services Staff